

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

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LEO-GUERRA, MICHAEL MAERLENDER,
BRANDON PIYEVSKY, BENJAMIN SHUMATE,
BRITTANY TATIANA WEAVER, and CAMERON
WILLIAMS, individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BROWN UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, UNIVERSITY
OF CHICAGO, THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
CORNELL UNIVERSITY, TRUSTEES OF
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, DUKE UNIVERSITY,
EMORY UNIVERSITY, GEORGETOWN
UNIVERSITY, THE JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY, NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
DU LAC, THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF PENNSYLVANIA, WILLIAM MARSH RICE
UNIVERSITY, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, and
YALE UNIVERSITY,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-00125

Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly

**JOINT MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL PORTIONS OF THE
NOVEMBER 22, 2023 JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Amended Confidentiality Order in this case (ECF No. 416-1) and Local Rule 26.2, Plaintiffs and Defendants (collectively, “the Parties”) respectfully request that the Court grant the Parties’ Joint Motion to File Under Seal portions of the November 22, 2023 Joint Status Report. In support of this Motion, the Parties state as follows:

LEGAL STANDARD

1. The Seventh Circuit has long recognized that “[i]nformation that affects the disposition of litigation belongs in the public record *unless* a statute or privilege justifies nondisclosure,” and documents containing confidential information may be sealed. *United States v. Foster*, 564 F.3d 852, 853 (7th Cir. 2009) (emphasis added). A court may enter an order directing a document or portion of a document be shielded from public disclosure upon a showing of “good cause.” *See, e.g., Bond v. Utreras*, 585 F.3d 1061, 1074 (7th Cir. 2009).

DISCUSSION

2. “[A] court may for good cause shown enter an order directing that one or more documents be filed under seal.” Loc. R. 26.2(b). The Parties move to place portions of the November 22, 2023 Joint Status Report under seal because the Report discusses and references highly sensitive information that the Parties have not made publicly available and that should remain under seal, as provided for in the Amended Confidentiality Order (ECF No. 416-1).

3. In accordance with Local Rule 26.2(c), the November 22, 2023 Joint Status Report will continue to be provisionally under seal, but an unredacted version will be provided to counsel of record and the Court. In addition, a redacted “public-record” version will be filed via the ECF system within 14 days.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Parties respectfully request that the Court grant this Motion to Seal and enter an order permitting the Parties to file a “public-record” version of the November 22, 2023 Joint Status Report with portions redacted.

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